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SUBJECT: WHALES: NOMINATION OF OBSERVERS UNDER US- JAPAN
WHALING OBSERVER AGREEMENT

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER URGENTLY TO MR. R.
STACEY, SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION,
APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION ALONG FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE
LINES:

QUOTE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH
1(C) OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING
CONVENTION, 1946, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES
AND JAPAN ARE EXPECTED TO SIGN AT TOKYO DURING THE WEEK
BEGINNING MAY 28, 1973 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER A NEW
AGREEMENT CONCERNING AN INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME
FOR WHALING OPERATIONS FROM LAND STATIONS IN THE NORTH
PACIFIC OCEAN. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
SCHEDULE AND THE ANTICIPATED AGREEMENT THE UNITED STATES
HEREBY NOMINATES AS OBSERVERS AT THE TWO GROUPS OF LAND
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STATIONS IN JAPAN MESSRS. EUGENE TADASHI NITTA AND LAWRENCE MARUSHI TSUNODA. SINCE BOTH HAVE AN ADEQUATE COMMAND OF THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE THEY WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETERS.

QUOTE MR. NITTA, WHO IS NOMINATED TO SERVE AT THE KIRITAPPU- WAKKANI GROUP OF LAND STATIONS IN JAPAN, WAS BORN AT LODI, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 19, 1946. HE HOLDS A B. S. DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (1969) AND IS NOW A GRADUATE STUDENT AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE. MR. NITTA HAS PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL SCIENTIFIC CRUISES TO STUDY THE BEHAVIOR OF CETACEANS AND HAS ANALYZED DATA CONCERNING CETACEAN RESEARCH, INCLUDING DATA ON DISTRIBUTION, FEEDING HABITS, TAXONOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, SOUND PRODUCTION AND ECOLOGY. HE SERVED AS US OBSERVER AT THE SAME GROUP OF JAPANESE LAND STATIONS IN 1972.

QUOTE MR. TSUNODA, WHO IS NOMINATED TO SERVE AT THE OSAWA- ONAGAWA- AYUKAWA- NAGASAKI GROUP OF LAND STATIONS IN JAPAN, WAS BORN AT RIVERS, ARIZONA, DECEMBER 26, 1943. HE HOLDS A B. S. DEGREE IN ZOOLOGY FROM SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE (1971) AND IS NOW A GRADUATE STUDENT AT THE SAME INSTITUTION SEEKING AN ADVANCED DEGREE IN MAMMALOGY. MR. TSUNODA HAS PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL SCIENTIFIC CRUISES TO STUDY THE BEHAVIOR OF CETACEANS AND HAS CONDUCTED FIELD OBSERVATIONS BY SURFACE VESSEL AND HELICOPTER OF CETACEANS OFF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST. HE SERVED AS US OBSERVER AT THE SAME GROUP OF LAND STATIONS IN 1972.

QUOTE THE TWO OBSERVERS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN JAPAN ON OR ABOUT JUNE 4, 1973.

QUOTE THE EARLY CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION OF THESE NOMINATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED. END QUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING DOCUMENTATION FOR NITTA AND TSUNODA DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY TOKYO UPON RECEIPT FROM STACEY, AS OCCURRED LAST YEAR. RUSH

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